

**\*Hymn 700**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

**\*The Charge** (responsive)

from Isaiah 58:9-12

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil; if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

**then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.**

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places.

**You shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.**

**\*Blessing**

“This Little Light of Mine”

trad.

*The children sing the first three verses:*

1. *This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine...*

2. *Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m gonna let it shine...*

3. *Won’t let anyone blow it out...*

*The congregation sings the fourth and fifth verses:*

4. **Shine all over the whole wide world, I’m gonna let it shine...**

5. **This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine...**

**\*Postlude**

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

Elderkin

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**A hearing loop is active; set hearing aid to “T-coil.”**

Worshippers are welcome to take a “star word” as they exit after the service today. Star words are an Epiphany gift which may be a reminder, thought provoker, item of contemplation, or simply a companion.

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**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY**

**February 9, 2020, 10:00 A.M.**

**Morning Meditation**

Jörg Zink

*“We humans contribute to the world’s gloom, like dark shadows on a dark landscape...*

*But now this man from Nazareth comes to us and invites us to mirror God’s image, and shows us how. He says: you too can become light, as God is light. What is all around you is not hell, but rather a world waiting to be filled with hope and faith.”*

**Chiming of the Hour and Ritual of Fellowship**

**Choral Introit 413**

“Come into God’s Presence”

Anonymous

**\*Call to Worship**

from Isaiah 58:5-8

Is not this the fast that I choose:

**to loose the bonds of injustice,**

**to undo the thongs of the yoke,**

**to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?**

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

**when you see the naked, to cover them,**

**and not to hide yourself from your own kin?**

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

**your vindicator shall go before you,**

**and the glory of the Lord will guard your back.**

**\*Hymn 65**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** *followed by silent prayers of confession*

**Almighty God, we ask for your righteous judgment against others,  
but often fail to acknowledge the sin in ourselves.**

**We worship you with our lips, but dishonor you with our actions.**

**We pray for you to end the suffering in our world,  
yet we fail to practice compassion and generosity.**

**Forgive our self-righteousness, we pray, and give us integrity of heart,  
that we may shine forth the light of your salvation,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Kyrie Eleison 575**

“Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Assurance and Response 587**

“Alleluia”

CELTIC ALLELUIA

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:13-16

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Choral Anthem**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Manz

*Ann Neel, flutist / Kat Achtemeier, soprano*

*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God sent the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*The congregation may join in singing:*

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.**

**When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

**In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.**

**The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 58:1-12

**Hymn 314**

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:17-20

**Sermon**

“Light of the World”

Keith Grogg

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.**

**Offertory**

Meditation on “RESTORATION”

Carter

**\*Doxology 607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore, amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication and Affirmation of Faith**

Confession of 1967 (9.10)

**The risen Christ is the savior of all people.**

**Those joined to him by faith are set right with God  
and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community.**

**Christ is head of this community, the church,**

**which began with the apostles**

**and continues through all generations.**